

## M 5.3, 79 km SSE of Panguna, Papua New Guinea

Origin Time: 2021-01-26 04:17:53 UTC (Tue 15:17:53 local)

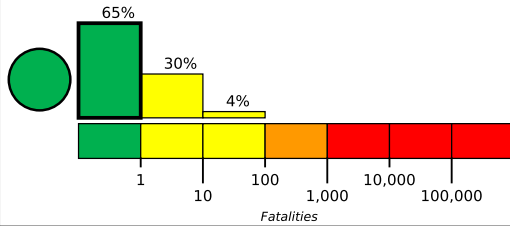
Location: 6.9577° S 155.8125° E Depth: 57.7 km

Created: 1 day, 0 hours after earthquake

### Estimated Fatalities

Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.

### Estimated Economic Losses

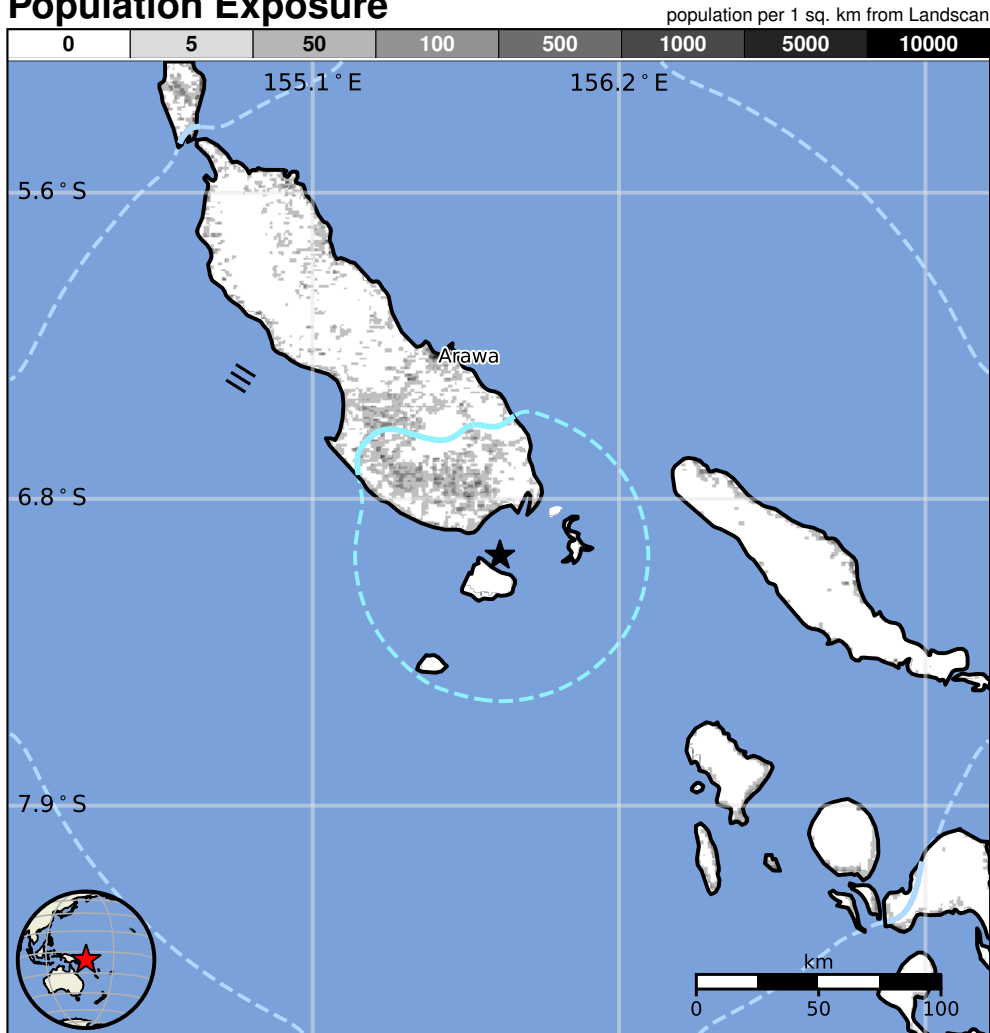


### Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		—*	263k	77k	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

\*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

### Population Exposure



### Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are a mix of vulnerable and earthquake resistant construction. The predominant vulnerable building types are informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) and unreinforced brick masonry construction.

### Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
2007-04-01	213	8.1	VIII(22k)	0
1975-07-20	88	7.9	VIII(48k)	—
1996-04-29	91	7.2	VII(57k)	1

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

### Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
III	Buka	<1k
III	Panguna	3k
III	Kieta	4k
III	Gizo	6k
III	<b>Arawa</b>	<b>40k</b>

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us7000d3c0#pager>

bold cities appear on map.

(k = x1000)

Event ID: us7000d3c0